



## MORRO BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

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Mark Delaplaine, Supervisor  
Consistency Determinations  
California Coastal Commission  
45 Fremont Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Delaplaine:

As we recently discussed with your staff, we are requesting a consistency certification on the Morro Bay National Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (Plan). To assist you in your review we have enclosed:

1. The public draft Plan;
2. A copy of the Base Programs Analysis that CCC staff helped prepare;
3. A summary of public comments received during the 60 day public review period; and
4. The comment letter; on the Draft Plan that we received from your Santa Cruz District Office;

These documents are incorporated, by reference, into this consistency certification and provide the analytical basis for this consistency certification. As required by 15 CFR § 930.57(b), we have concluded that the proposed Plan complies with the enforceable policies of California's approved management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program. Additionally, we ask that the California Coastal Commission (CCC) concur with our certification of consistency.

The Morro Bay National Estuary Program has worked closely with the CCC throughout the four-year planning effort leading to the draft CCMP. In the early stages of the program's history we formed a partnership with the CCC Santa Cruz District Office by contracting for CCC staff to assist in completing our Base Program Analysis and by inviting Tami Grove to participate as a member of the Program's Local Policy Committee. Our program has benefited greatly from the expertise and talent of the CCC staff, and we believe their contributions are reflected in the draft Plan.

Thank you for your assistance and collaboration, especially on our own federal consistency determination, and on explaining your process. We look forward to working with you as you complete this review. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Cheryl McGovern at (415) 744-2013. I can be reached at the number below.

Sincerely

Melissa Mooney  
Program Director

Enclosures